

Town Meeting

8/9/05

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Stella Town Hall

Meeting called by:	David Brunette, Chair	Type of meeting:	Monthly Board Meeting
		Note taker:	J. Fish, Clerk
Present:	Scott Eades, Suprv.	Deb. Polinski, Supr.	J. Fish, Clerk K. Baker, Treasurer

AGENDA: Casey Crump asked that the Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to be added to the agenda for several discussion items-one possible action item. This will be Item #3 on the agenda. Deb Polinski made the motion, seconded by Scott Eades to accept agenda with change. Agenda accepted with change. All aye, motion carried.

The minutes of the July Town Board meeting were accepted as previously distributed. A motion was made by Scott Eades, seconded by Deb Polinski, to approve the July 5, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given. There is a total of \$94,404.03 in the town NOW and checking accounts as of today. A motion was made by Scott Eades, seconded by Deb Polinski to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Minutes

Agenda item #1:	Adopt Town of Stella Comprehensive Plan Commission	Presenter:	Deb Polinski, liaison member of Plan Commission
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Discussion: Deb Polinski, stated that Casey Crump, Mary Eades, Edie Franson, Dale Bronson, and Laurie Writz would be the 5 primary members of the Stella Plan Commission, with Juanita Kichefski and Jackie Boyer serving as alternates. Case Crump will act as Chair. Deb Polinski will serve as liaison member to the Board. They asked that the proposed Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Stella be on the September 13th agenda for adoption.

Conclusions: Motion: A motion was made by D. Brunette, seconded by S. Eades, to accept the appointees to the Stella Plan Commission. All aye, motion carried.

Follow-up Action items	Person responsible
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✓ The Town Clerk will put this on the 9/13/05 Town Board agenda. All proper time frames have been met.

J. Fish, Clerk

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Agenda item #2:	Bob Feldman requests to contract for the work of brushing town roads.	Presenter:	Bob Feldman
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Discussion: Bob Feldman had previously brushed town roads while Town Supervisor and has his own equipment to do the job adequately. He asked if the Town Board would still like this work done? He will be contracting for \$39.50 per hour since he is using his own equipment. He is not working as a town employee and will be responsible for his own equipment maintenance and insurance under the name of Robert's Leasing. Scott E. said he had several requests where roads needed brushing. Chair Brunette and Super. D. Polinski agreed that the brushing should be done. Bob can use his own discretion of when and where the brushing is needed. He is not considered a town employee.

Conclusions: Motion was made by D. Polinski, seconded by D. Brunette, to contract Bob Feldman (Robert's Leasing) to brush the town roads as needed for a charge of \$39.50/hr., with R. Feldman using and responsible for his own equipment maintenance and insurance. All aye, motion carried.

Action items: NONE

Agenda item: Volunteer Fire Dept. Requests

Presenter: Casey Crump, volunteer FF

Discussion:

Casey said he has 3 requests from the Volunteer fire department to discuss.

- 1) The fire department submitted a grant proposal for a new pumper truck and has been unofficially notified that they will receive a grant in the amount of \$158,000. Based on this information, the fire department would like to request the town board to take \$8,000 from the current budget, or put that amount into the 2006 budget, to contribute towards the cost of the new pumper. The volunteer fire department has enough funds to contribute \$12,500 and will request \$5,000 from the Town of Phiel, whom they also support with fire services. The Board will have to see what impact the tax levy freeze has upon the town's budget to see if they have any funds available in the 2006 budget.
- 2) The retirement plan for voluntary firefighters that was discussed previously has been further researched. Casey stated that it would cost the town a maximum of about \$5800 per year to cover approximately 20 firefighters, if they all qualify. The state would match this dollar amount. Also we could consider a buy back for longevity of 2-3 members that have been in the fire department for 8-10 years. The buy back could be accomplished over 5 years. The members would be evaluated on a point system dependent on meeting attendance, training, and fire attendance. If they did not get a certain number of points, they would not be eligible for the retirement contribution. It would be a motivational tool to keep a good fire department. They asked that the town board take this into consideration when planning the 2006 budget.
- 3) Casey stated that the fire dept. now has 2 qualified First Responders—Denise Crump and Brad Fish. They are asking that the town board purchase 3 –First Responder bags, at a cost of \$2100 for 3. This is a state requirement. The FD also would like to purchase a defibulator/AED device eventually. This would cost approximately \$2995. Everyone on the Fire Dept. will be trained on this equipment.

Conclusions: After discussion a motion was made by D. Polinski, seconded by S. Eades to contribute \$2100 to the Volunteer Fire Dept. to purchase the 1st Responder bags, plus \$1133 towards the AED purchase. All aye, motion carried.

Action items

Person responsible

- ✓ Check with insurance company regarding addition of 1st responders to F.D.

Clerk

Other Information

Observers: Casey Crump, Edie Franson

Special notes: